

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from February 7, 2010
“Church Discipline”
Matthew 18:15-17

Observing the text

Read Romans 6:1-13 and explain why we should expect those who come to Christ for salvation not to walk in sin.

Read 1 John 3:8-10 and explain why those who have chosen to walk in sin, though professing to be Christians, are in such great personal danger.

Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 and explain why those who have chosen to walk in sin, though professing to be Christians, present such a threat to the church.

Read Matthew 18:15-20 and explain what Christ told us to do when we see a brother or sister in Christ who has chosen to walk in sin.

Applying the sermon

Would you expect that professing believers who choose to live a sinful lifestyle that is more consistent with the unsaved world than the community of the redeemed should be dealt with according to Matthew 18:15-17?

Do you know of any professing brother or sister in Christ who is presently choosing to live a sinful lifestyle that is more consistent with the unsaved world than the community of the redeemed? What do you believe Christ would have you to do about this?

Explain why a church that ignores the teaching of Matthew 18:15-17 will not prosper.

Explain why a church that ignores the teachings of Matthew 18:15-17 is failing to love its sinning members.